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Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle, steers and heifers. Price declines were recorded for malting barley, all wheat, cows, calves and all milk.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2004-August 2005

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2004	July 2005	August 2005 ^{1/}	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	110.00	109.00	112.00	99.30	109.00	109.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.13	3.22	3.27	2.77	2.38	2.75	39
Feed	Bu.	2.28	2.03	2.05	1.83	1.98	1.90	--
Malting	Bu.	3.29	3.44	3.40	3.06	2.66	3.03	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	20.00	27.20	27.70	20.90	25.40	22.40	42
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.00	4.15	4.35	5.77	8.69	7.51	48
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	5.50	3.70	--	8.44	13.66	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.90	4.40	--	4.62	5.18	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.61	3.55	3.39	3.27	3.20	3.21	31
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	82.90	76.00	78.20	87.70	85.30	84.70	47
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	52.90	52.10	47.30	54.70	53.80	51.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.50	83.20	85.00	91.00	88.40	88.00	--
Calves	Cwt.	128.00	125.00	120.00	131.00	132.00	131.00	53
Lambs	Cwt.	94.00	110.00	--	97.90	109.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	13.80	14.30	14.10	14.90	14.80	7/14.70	8/39
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	13.80	14.30	--	14.90	14.90	7/14.80	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	14.20	13.60	--	14.20	14.20	7/14.20	--

^{1/} Mid-Month. ^{2/} Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. ^{3/} Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. ^{4/} "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ^{5/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ^{6/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{7/} Fat test percent: all milk 3.55, fluid milk 3.54, mfg grade 3.71. ^{8/} Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. ^{9/} Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 2004	August 2004	July 2005		August 2005 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	124	120	119	118	117
Prices Paid	135	135	140	141	141
Ratio ^{1/}	92	89	85	84	83

^{1/} Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Idaho Potatoes – Production 2003-2004

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2004 potato crop, at 132 million cwt, unchanged from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 374 cwt is also unchanged from the previous estimate. Harvested area for the 2004 crop was 353,000 acres. The first production estimates for the 2005 crop will be available on November 10, 2005.

POTATOES: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND 2004

STATES	CROP OF 2003				CROP OF 2004			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
	1,000 Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.		1,000 Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	
<u>Fall Crop</u>								
California	8.3	8.3	425	3,528	7.6	7.6	480	3,648
Colorado	66.3	65.7	360	23,652	65.0	64.3	370	23,791
IDAHO, ALL	360.0	358.0	344	123,180	355.0	353.0	374	131,970
10 SW Co	25.0	25.0	465	11,625	25.0	25.0	490	12,250
Other Areas	335.0	333.0	335	111,555	330.0	328.0	365	119,720
Indiana	3.8	3.7	250	925	3.4	3.2	350	1,120
Maine	66.0	65.5	260	17,030	63.5	61.5	310	19,065
Massachusetts	3.0	2.7	265	716	2.6	2.5	320	800
Michigan	46.0	45.5	330	15,015	43.0	42.0	325	13,650
Minnesota	60.0	58.0	385	22,330	47.0	44.0	430	18,920
Montana	10.7	10.6	315	3,339	10.7	10.6	335	3,551
Nebraska	23.5	23.2	420	9,744	22.0	21.6	430	9,288
Nevada	8.3	8.0	415	3,320	6.7	6.7	430	2,881
New Mexico	4.0	4.0	400	1,600	4.0	4.0	430	1,720
New York	22.2	21.7	300	6,510	20.0	19.2	270	5,184
North Dakota	117.0	112.0	245	27,440	105.0	101.0	265	26,765
Ohio	4.5	4.3	255	1,097	3.7	3.6	300	1,080
Oregon, ALL	42.8	42.6	493	20,991	37.0	37.0	534	19,775
Malheur Co.	5.8	5.8	415	2,407	5.2	5.2	470	2,444
Other Areas	37.0	36.8	505	18,584	31.8	31.8	545	17,331
Pennsylvania	13.0	12.5	270	3,375	12.0	11.0	240	2,640
Rhode Island	0.6	0.6	285	171	0.5	0.5	290	145
South Dakota 1/	1.0	1.0	340	340	--	--	--	--
Utah 1/	1.0	1.0	335	335	--	--	--	--
Washington	163.0	162.0	575	93,150	160.0	159.0	590	93,810
Wisconsin	81.0	80.0	410	32,800	71.0	70.0	435	30,450
TOTAL FALL	1,106.0	1,090.9	376	410,588	1,039.7	1,022.3	401	410,253
U.S. 2/	1,272.6	1,248.6	367	457,814	1,193.3	1,166.9	391	456,041

1/ Estimates discontinued in 2004.

2/ Includes winter, spring, summer and fall crops.

U.S. Corn Production at Record Levels; Sugarbeet Production Down From Last Year

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's sugarbeet yield is forecast at 27.3 tons per acre, 0.2 ton above the August forecast, but 1.4 tons less than 2004. Production is forecast at 4.56 million tons, 17 percent less than last year's production. Area expected for harvest is estimated at 167,000 acres, down 13 percent from a year ago.

expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, down fractionally from last month and 5 percent below last year.

The yield is forecast at 21.2 tons per acre, 0.1 ton below the August forecast and 1.7 tons below 2004. Corn production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and 10 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from August but 17.2 bushels below last year.

Nationally, sugarbeet production is forecast at 26.3 million tons, 1 percent below the August forecast and 12 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2004 and Forecasted 2005

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD			PRODUCTION		2005 AS A PERCENT OF 2004
		2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	
					Aug1	Sep 1			
IDAHO: 1/ Sugarbeets	Tons	192.0	167.0	28.7	27.1	27.3	5,510	4559	83
UNITED STATES: Sugarbeets	Tons	1306.9	1242.8	22.9	21.3	21.2	29,956	26,296	88
Corn for Grain	Bushel	73.632	74.318	160.4	139.2	143.2	11,807,217	10,638,661	90

1/ Idaho corn for grain data available January 2006.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho apple, prune and plum production is down from last year. Apple production for 2005 is forecast at 65.0 million pounds, down 28 percent from last year's crop. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 2,000 tons, down 50 percent from last year's 4,000 tons.

The nation's 2005 apple production is expected to total 9.84 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 2004. The 2005 prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 10,700 tons, down 57 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the smallest crop on record for these four states since this data series began in 1959.

Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2004 - 2005

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Tons</i>	
California	390.0	410.0	--	--
Idaho	90.0	65.0	4,000	2,000
Michigan	760.0	820.0	2,500	1,700
New York	1,280.0	1,150.0	--	--
North Carolina	155.0	170.0	--	--
Oregon	163.0	130.0	13,000	3,000
Pennsylvania	405.0	430.0	--	--
Utah	32.0	28.0	--	--
Virginia	300.0	320.0	--	--
Washington	6,050.0	5,600.0	5,500	4,000
West Virginia	81.0	88.0	--	--
UNITED STATES	10,419.9	9,837.1	25,000	10,700

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

U.S. Dairy Products July 2005 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 737 million pounds, 4.0 percent above July 2004 but 3.3 percent below June 2005.

American type cheese production totaled 315 million pounds, 4.2 percent above July 2004 but 1.9 percent below June 2005.

Butter production was 94.7 million pounds in July, 2.3 percent above July 2004 but 10.9 percent below June 2005.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with July 2004)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 87.6 million gallons, up 12.5 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 39.3 million gallons, down 7.5 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.87 million gallons, up 8.5 percent.

Sherbet (hard) ---5.38 million gallons, up 14.6 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.64 million gallons, down 1.2 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with July 2004) --
--120 million pounds, down 11.1 percent.